

processes.

113. (New) An improved method for stabilizing a spinous process relative to another spinous process, said method being of the type wherein a device is implanted between said spinous process and said another spinous process, wherein said improvement comprises:

introducing between the spinous process and the another spinous processes a device without altering the spinous processes.

Remarks

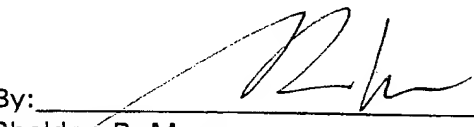
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Continued examination and allowance of the above case is requested.

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